

Atomic & Nuclear Physics



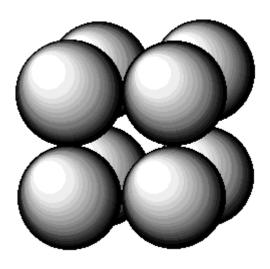


What are we made of?

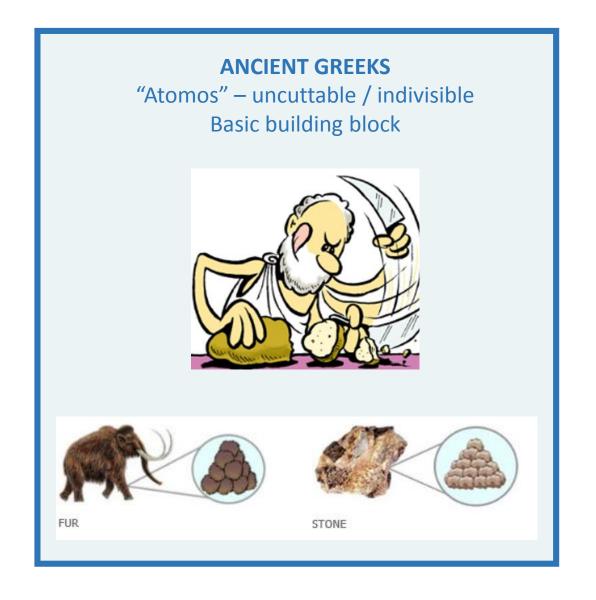
What's inside....?







A long, long time ago ...



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ROMANS

"On the Nature of Things" Lucretius - 1st Century BC

Honey and milk, when they are rolled in the mouth, cause an agreeable sensation to the tongue.

But bitter wormwood and astringent centaury screw the mouth awry with their nauseating savour.

You may readily infer that such substances as agreeably titillate the senses are composed of smooth round atoms.

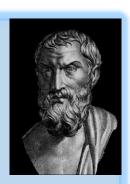
Those that seem bitter and harsh are more tightly compacted of hooked particles and accordingly tear their way to our senses and rend our bodies by their inroads.

Things that seem to us hard and stiff must be composed of deeply indented and hooked atoms and held firm by their intertangling branches. In the front rank of this class stand diamonds Liquids, on the other hand, must owe their fluid consistency to atoms that are smooth and round. For poppy seed can be poured as easily as if it were water; the globules do not hold one another back, and when they are jolted they tend to roll downhill as water does.

A third class is constituted by things such as smoke, cloud and flames.

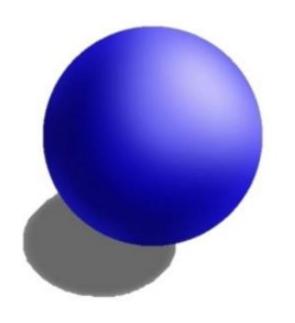
If their atoms are not all smooth and round, yet they cannot be jagged and intertangled.

They must be such as to prick the body and even to penetrate rocks but not to stick together; so you can readily grasp that substances hurtful to the senses but not solid are sharp-pointed but without projections.



Moving forward to 1803

Dalton's Model



 Solid Sphere Model or Bowling Ball Model

 Proposed by John Dalton



Practical Challenge

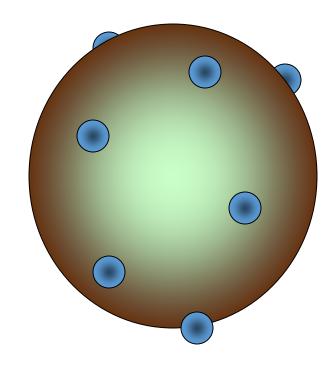
Using the kit provided take measurements to estimate the diameter of an atom

Oil drop - estimating atomic diameter

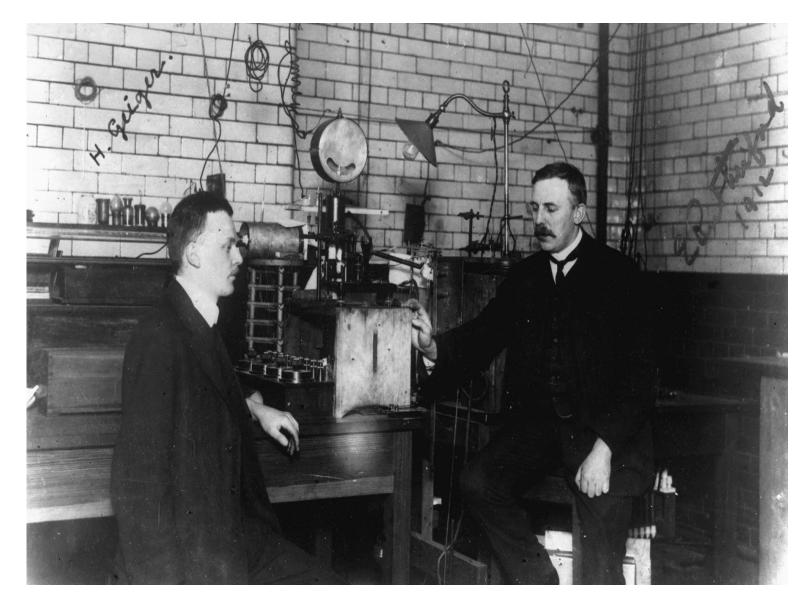
1904 Thomson's Plum Pudding Model

- 1. Spheres of positive charge.
- 2. With negative charges spread through it.

This resembled a plum-pudding, so it was called the 'Plum –pudding' model.



But new evidence from Rutherford's experiment led to a new model!

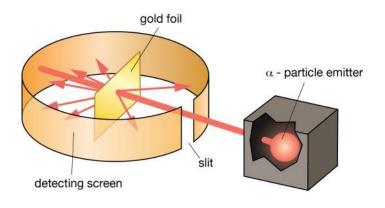


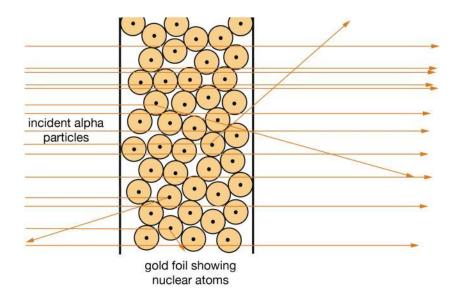
SCATTERING OF ALPHA PARTICLES BY GOLD (Experimental test by Geiger and Marsden)

| EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS | | TEST OF THEORETICAL PREDICTION | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| Angle of Deflection* A | Experimental | Proportion predicted (on a special scale) | The test N |
| | | | proportion predicted |
| 150° | 33 | 1.15 | 29 |
| 135° | 43 | 1.15 | 31 |
| 120° | 52 | 1.79 | 29 |
| 105° | 69.5 | 2.53 | 28 |
| 75° | 211 | 7.25 | 29 |
| 60° | 477 | 16.0 | 30 |
| 45° | 1 435 | 46.6 | 31 |
| 30° | 7 800 | 223 | 33 |
| 15° | 120 570 | 3 445 | 35 |
| 10° | 502 570 | 17 330 | 29 |
| 5° | 8 289 000 | 276 300 | 30 |

Rutherford, Geiger & Marsden, 1909-11

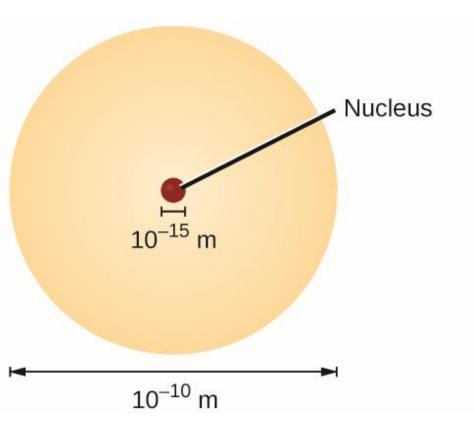
The nuclear atom

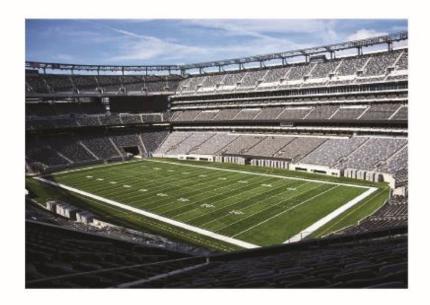




| Observation | Conclusion | |
|--|--|--|
| Most alpha particles went straight through the foil. | Atoms are mostly space. | |
| A few were deflected through large angles. | The nucleus is very small compared to the size of the atom and it contains most of the mass and all the positive charge. | |
| A very few were reflected straight back. | | |

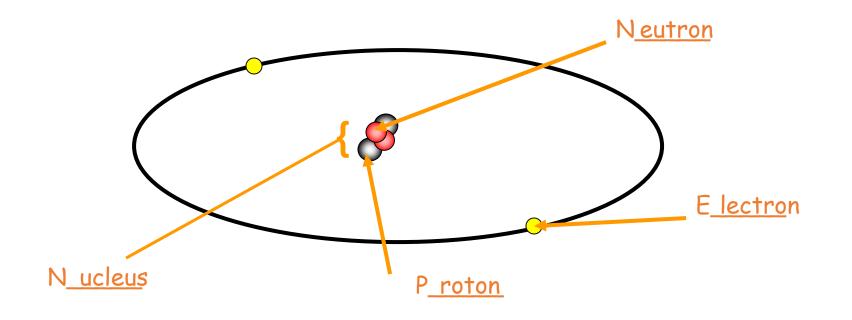
If you removed the empty space from atoms, the world's human population would fit in the volume of a sugar cube.





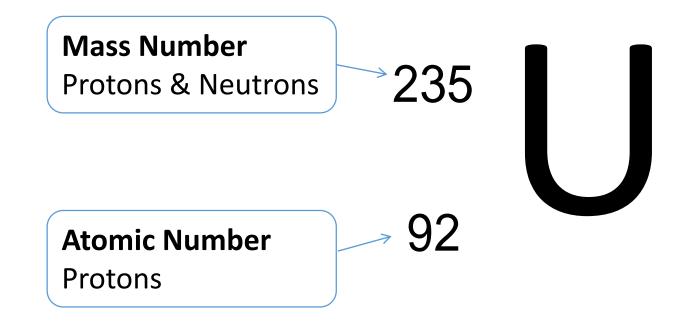


Label the helium atom and fill in the table:



| Particle | Mass | Charge |
|----------|----------|--------|
| Proton | 1 | +1 |
| Neutron | 1 | none |
| Electron | 1/1840th | -1 |

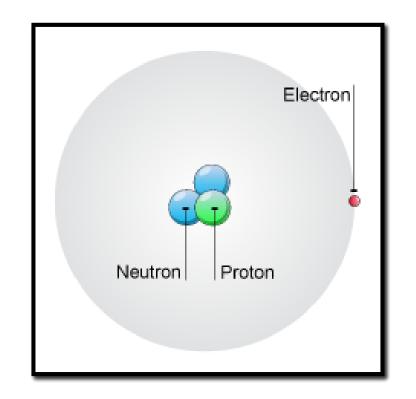
Atomic Number and Mass Number



Isotopes

Isotopes are atoms of the same element (same protons & electrons) with different numbers of neutrons.

This makes them unstable.



Atomic structure with sweets

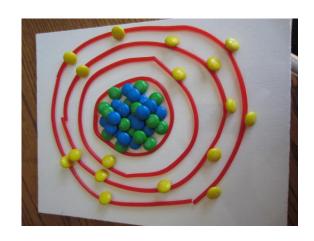
Choose appropriate amounts of sweets to make a model of the following atoms

12 C Carbon

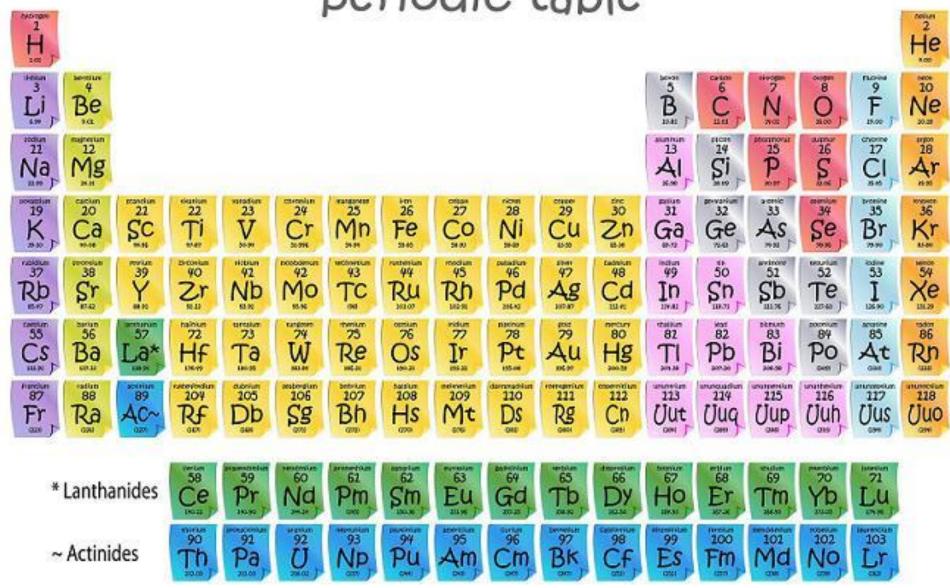
Na Sodium 11

Remember - in a neutral atom number of protons = number of electrons

Electrons are arranged in shells – the first has 2, then 8, 8 ...



periodic table



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Ideas for Science Projects

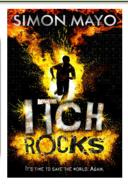
Key Science Themes

Periodic Table
Chemical Reactions
Radiation and the Human Body
Radioactive Materials
Mining
Energy Resources
Particle Accelerators

Making physics matt in primary science

Other Curriculum ideas

Ideas for English and History Projects



Ideas for Art/Creative Projects

Atom clip

